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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INITIAL and FINAL POLREP

I. HEADING

DATE: April 5, 1999

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SUBJECT: Gramm Trailer
Harvey, IL
Fund Lead Emergency Removal Action

POLREP #: Initial and Final

II. BACKGROUND

SITE ID: B5B5
Response Authority: CERCLA
NPL Status: No
AOC DATE: N/A

Delivery Order No: 9801-05-023
State Notification: IEPA
Start Date: 2/03/99
End Date: 3/15/99

III. SITE INFORMATION

The Gramm Trailer site is located at 400 E. Sibley Blvd. in Harvey, IL. A 1950s era 35-foot tractor trailer was abandoned at 148th Place and Dixie Highway in Harvey, IL in the early morning hours of February 3, 1999. The Harvey Fire Department was notified about the abandoned trailer and upon inspecting the trailer, the Harvey Fire Department required USEPA assistance.

RESPONSE INFORMATION

A) Actions Taken

The On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) and two Superfund Technical Assistance and Response Team (START) members arrived on the site in the late afternoon of February 3 and inspected trailer. It

was discovered that the back of the trailer was packed floor to ceiling with 55 gallon drums. The trailer also contained tires, but the number of drums and tires could not be determined, since the trailer was full and the contents could not be moved. Upon consulting with the Mayor of Harvey and the Harvey Fire Department, it was agreed by all parties that the trailer would be moved to City owned property located at 400 East Sibley Boulevard, Harvey, IL. The trailer's sides were strapped before the trailer was moved because of the trailer's poor condition. The trailer was moved at approximately 5:00pm and secured.

The emergency response contractor, START, and the OSC removed the drums from the trailer on February 4. The back half of the trailer contained seventy-nine (79) containers and one welding cylinder; with the front half of the trailer containing tires and tire rims. The 79 containers were mainly 55-gallon drums with many of them found to be empty. The containers were staged and secured in one of the buildings at 400 East Sibley Boulevard. The City of Harvey agreed to take responsibility for the trailer and the tires.

Samples were collected from the containers. Most of the nonempty drums contained waste oil product; with the remaining drums containing solvents and antifreeze (ethylene glycol). Hazardous characterization of samples and the shipping of samples for analysis was conducted on February 5. The characterization of the samples resulted in two waste streams; flammable liquids and flammable solids. In addition, a roll-off box was brought on-site to collect all of the empty crushed drums.

The roll-off box was picked up on February 12. After the lab analyses were completed, and disposal proposals received and reviewed, twenty (20) drums were prepared for shipping on March 11. The drums were shipped and disposed of on March 12. The welding cylinder was disposed of on March 15.

B) Future Actions

No further actions will be needed.

IV. COSTS

Final costs are not available at this time. However, costs will be less than \$25,000